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1. IN THE COURSE OF A CONVERSATION ON OCTOBER 5, AMBASSADOR HERMES, ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE FONOFF RAISED THE SUBJECT OF IAEA SAFEGUARDS ON CIVIL NUCLEAR PLANTS IN THE US WITH UNDER SECRETARY CASEY, NOTING THAT THE GERMAN PARLIAMENT IS BEGINNING ITS CONSIDERATION OF THE NPT AND EURATOM/IAEA VERIFICATION TREATIES. HERMES RECALLED THAT EARLIER DISCUSSIONS HAD BEEN HELD IN WASHINGTON AS TO HOW THE US WOULD PUT INTO PRACTICAL EFFECT THE PLEDGE BY PRESIDENT JOHNSON THAT US CIVIL NUCLEAR PLANTS WOULD BE SUBJECT TO SAFEGUARDS. HERMES CITED EUROPEAN CONCERN AT NOT BEING DISCRIMINATED AGAINST AS THE BASIS FOR THE FRG POSITION. IT WAS PRIMARILY A COST PROBLEM, HE MAINTAINED.

2. HERMES CONTINUED THAT THE QUESTION PROBABLY WOULD BE
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RASIED IN THE GERMAN PARLIAMENT AND THE FRG WOULD LIKE TO

BE ABLE TO SAY THAT "CONTROL IN THE US WOULD NOT BE LESS THAN CONTROLS ON GERMAN PLANTS UNDER THE IAEA AND EURATOM". HE THOUGHT THE PROBLEM WAS SOLVED BUT WOULD LIKE MORE AMMUNITION FOR THE PARLIAMENTARY DEBATE. HE ASKED IF THE FRG COULD RECEIVE A CURRENT STATUS REPORT AND SUGGESTED CONSULTATION IN WASHINGTON IN ORDER TO LEARN OF US INTENT. THE DEBATE IN PARLIAMENT WAS SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER.

3. UNDER SECRETARY CASEY RESPONDED THAT HE THOUGHT THE US SHOULD BE ABLE TO SET UP A MEETING IN WASHINGTON. WE ANTICIPATE THE FRG WILL PROPOSE A SPECIFIC DATE SHORTLY, EITHER THROUGH THIS EMBASSY OR THE FRG EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON.

4. IN A SUBSEQUENT CONVERSATION, FONOFF ATOMIC ENERGY DEPT. DIRECTOR RANDERMANN SAID FONOFF HAD INSTRUCTED FRG IAEA MISSION CHIEF UNGERER TO SEEK FURTHER CLARIFICATION FROM AMBASSADOR PORTER ON LATEST ROUND OF US-IAEA TALKS. HE ADDED THAT BONN ALSO WOULD BE HAPPY TO RECEIVE PORTER HERE;FRG HAD BEEN THINKING OF RECEIVING PORTER AND US DEL AFTER LATEST US/IAEA NEGOTIATING ROUND SO FRG COULD HAVE FURTHER EXCHANGE WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF KEY AGENCIES MAKING US POLICY ON TOPIC. AS, UNDERSTANDABLY, US HAD PREFERRED FIRST TO DIGEST RESULTTS OF TALKS WITH IAEA, FRG OFFICIALS NOW WOULD PREFER TO CONTINUE CONSULTATIONS IN WASHINGTON AS A NUMBER OF OPEN QUESTIONS REMAINED.
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